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SUBJECT: DEATH OF FORMER TEMPELHOF COMMANDER

1. FOLLOWING OBITUARY HAS APPEARED IN WASHINGTON POST:

BEGIN TEXT: "H.W.DORR, HEADED TEMPELHOF DURING THE BERLIN
AIRLIFT IN 1948. HENRY W. DORR, 71, A RETIRED US AIR FORCE
COLONEL WHO WAS COMMANDER OF TEMPELHOF AIR FIELD IN BERLIN
DURING THE BERLIN AIRLIFT OF 1948, DIED OF CANCER MAY 20 AT
BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL.

"COL. DORR JOINED THE ARMY AIR CORPS IN 1927. HE WAS
COMMANDER OF TEMPELHOF AIR FIELD DURING THE EAST-WEST CON-
FRONTATION OVER GERMANY THAT WAS DRAMATIZED BY THE BERLIN
AIRLIFT. DURING THE HEIGHT OF THAT AIRLIFT, A PLANE LANDED
OR TOOK OFF FROM THE AIRFIELD IN WEST BERLIN EVERY 90
SECONDS.

"DURING WORLD WAR II AND PRIOR TO SERVING IN GERMANY, COL.
DORR SUPERVISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF AND COMMANDED THE ARMY'S
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BASIC FLYING SCHOOL (LATER RENAMED VANCE AIR FORCE BASE) IN
ENID, OKLA. HE HAD EARLIER ASSIGNMENTS IN HAWAII, SAN
ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND LANGLEY FIELD, VA.

"AFTER SERVING IN GERMANY, COL. DORR ATTENDED THE
IMPERIAL DEFENSE COLLEGE IN LONDON, FOLLOWED BY SERVICE
AT THE PENTAGON FROM 1950 TO 1955. HE RETIRED FROM THE

AIR FORCE IN L957, AFTER SERVING TWO YEARS AS CHIEF OF THE
USAF SECTION OF THE JOINT US MILITARY AID GROUP IN ATHENS,
GREECE.

"COL. DORR WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY.

"SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE, SHEELAH M., OF THE HOME IN
WASHINGTON; TWO DAUGHTERS, MONICA BURDESHAW, OF FORT HOOD,
TEX., AND MAUDE CASTILLO, OF CLEARWATER, FLA. AND FOUR
GRANDCHILDREN." END TEXT

2. TELEPHONE BOOK SHOWS FAMILY RESIDENCE AS 5031 OVERLOOK
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TO MRS. DORR. CHRISTOPHER

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